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### **ARMY CELEBRATES FLAG DAY/ARMY BIRTHDAY BY HONORING NEW RECRUITS**

**MILWAUKEE (June 13, 2003)** – The U.S. Army is marking the births of both the Army and the American flag it so proudly defends on June 14 with a ceremony acknowledging new recruits. The ceremony will be held June 14 at the 84<sup>th</sup> Division, 5130 W. Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee at 10:00 a.m. This year the Army celebrates its 228<sup>th</sup> birthday while the American flag turns 226.

The ceremony will include a mass swear-in ceremony of approximately 100 Milwaukee area recruits; feature Jerry Sorrow, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Wisconsin as the guest speaker and conclude with a cake cutting ceremony.

“The Army’s Birthday and Flag Day seem a most appropriate time to recognize the commitment, courage and patriotism exhibited by our young Americans,” said Lt. Col. John Angevine, Commander, Milwaukee Recruiting Battalion. “These men and women, most between the ages of 17 and 24, are enlisting in the Army in record numbers. It is this wave of patriotism that enables us to meet our recruitment goals.”

#### **About Army Birthday, Flag Day**

The U.S. Army was established on June 14, 1775, two years to the day before the Continental Congress adopted the first official flag of the republic. It would be more than 150 years before President Harry S. Truman signed into law a national observance for our flag. As the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff remind soldiers and citizens alike every year, the work of the U.S. Army ensures that freedom’s light shines as a beacon throughout the world.

**Note:** Media representatives wishing to cover the event should arrive at the 84<sup>th</sup> Division by 9:45 a.m. For more information on the event, contact CPT Knudson or Pat Grobschmidt at 414-461-0293.

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